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TO: Dr. J. Brian Sarvis, Superintendent
FROM: Cynthia White, Director of Curriculum and Categorical Programs
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RE: READ 180 Implementation Status

By September 8, 2009, all schools implementing READ 180 will be ready to go with wiring and technology except for McKinley. We expect McKinley to be up and running within a week. During the summer we experienced fits and starts with computers, wiring and software glitches, which is normal for the implementation of a program as complex as READ 180. The year-round calendar schools have mostly overcome initial obstacles and are now implementing the program as intended.

The traditional calendar schools implementing READ 180 are using "The First Three Weeks" implementation packet, which emphasizes the Kinsella model of Academic Frames for AESL (Academic English as a Second Language) that all students need in a formal, academic setting. Learning the routines from "The First Three Weeks" packet (which is scripted and timed for a 90-100 minute class) sets students up to continue practicing academic language for the rest of the semester, as well as the vocabulary routines, the Oral Cloze, the Idea Wave, and very importantly, the Instructional Software Routines and Procedures for that rotation.

Teachers will begin using the READ 180 rotations (whole group instruction, small group instruction, independent reading, and software) starting the week September 8, 2009, the third week of instruction. However, please note that Scholastic, the publisher, strongly recommends that teachers take a deep breath in these first few weeks of school, in this first year of implementation, and thoroughly use the lesson plans from "The First Three Weeks" packet so that they have the best success possible for their students and themselves. Not all schools started "The First Three Weeks" packet the first week of school, as some schools have a school-wide curriculum that is taught the first week of school, meaning that not everyone is on pace, which is also expected in a first year of implementation.

We are using a new version of READ 180 that was beta tested by Chicago Public Schools from January – May 2009. Chicago Public Schools, like our District is staggering the implementation of the program. Chicago started with 37 schools, expanded to about 50 before the end of last school year, and are adding another 60-120 this fall.

I have visited nearly all of the classrooms implementing READ 180 during these past two weeks. The most common comment I hear from teachers is "my classroom will be the model for the District." I also hear a great deal of excitement about having a top of the line program for our students.

Adams Elementary School	Harding Elementary School	Peabody Charter School	Goleta Valley Junior High School	Dos Pueblos High School
Cesar Chavez Charter School	McKinley Elementary School	Roosevelt Elementary School	La Colina Junior High School	La Cuesta Continuation High School
Cleveland Elementary School	Monroe Elementary School	Santa Barbara Charter School	La Cumbre Junior High School	San Marcos High School
Franklin Elementary School	Open Alternative School	Santa Barbara Community Academy	Santa Barbara Junior High School	Santa Barbara High School
		Washington Elementary School		